THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Assistance of Rs. 13.52 crores has been provided to the Voluntary Organisations, NGOs etc. functioning in North-Eastern region during the last three years and till date.

(b) and (c) 5 cases for releasing funds to NGOs in Assam are pending for want of required information from the NGOs/inspection report from the State Government.

(d) The NGOs and State Government have been requested to furnish the required information/Inspection Report.

Production and Export of Steel by SAIL

†65.SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of steel produced by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), so far, in the year 1999-2000, together with the quantum of steel exported during the same period last year;

(b) whether the quantum of production and export is higher than that of last year; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The production of Saleable steel and exports by Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) (excluding IISCO) during April-October, 1999 as compared to the same period last year are as follows:

	1998-99 (upto October, 1998)	1999-2000 (upto October, 1999)
Production Saleable Steel	4746000 Tonnes	5505000 Tonnes
Export	255000 Tonnes	491000 Tonnes

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, The production and exports during the year 1999-2000 are higher by 7,59,000 tonnes and 2,36,000 tonnes, respectively, as compared to the same period in 1998-99.

Steel Production in SAIL, VSP and IISCO

†66. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the Question, was received in Hindi.